



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Report to Council

Report of: Director of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

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Subject: Executive Arrangements

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Summary:

This report outlines the constitutional requirements for the appointment of a Leader of the Council and notification of arrangements for the discharge of Executive functions.

Recommendations:

That the Council receives and notes the newly appointed Leader of the Council's notification of:-

- (a) appointment of a Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members, including their portfolio areas of responsibility; and
- (b) the scheme of delegation for the discharge of Executive functions

Background Papers: Constitution of Sheffield City Council

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial implications
YES – Cleared by Paul Schofield
Legal implications
YES – Cleared by Andrea Simpson
Equality of Opportunity implications
NO
Tackling Health Inequalities implications
NO
Human Rights implications
NO
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO
Economic impact
NO
Community Safety implications
NO
Human Resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
None
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
N/A
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
Yes
Press release
NO

Executive Arrangements

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report outlines the constitutional requirements for the appointment of a Leader of the Council and notification of arrangements for the discharge of Executive functions, as set out in Chapter 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.
- 1.2 At the Council meeting, the new Leader of the Council, to be appointed under a separate item of business on the agenda for the meeting (Item 3 – Appointment of a New Leader of the Council), will notify the Council of the appointment of a Deputy Leader and the Cabinet Members, including their portfolio areas of responsibility, and of the scheme of delegation for the discharge of Executive functions.

2. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE

- 2.1 The Council's Executive arrangements are set out in the Council's Constitution and have not changed since they were outlined in the attached report which was submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 15th May 2019.
- 2.2 Following the appointment of a new Leader of the Council (under item 3 on the agenda for the Council meeting), the newly appointed Leader will be invited to announce the names of the Members he or she has appointed to be members of the Executive, including the Deputy Leader, and in addition, a scheme of delegation for the discharge of Executive functions. The functions of the Executive, including portfolio holder areas of responsibility, are set out in the current Leader's Scheme of Delegation, but are subject to change at the discretion of the new Leader.
- 2.3 It is anticipated that details of the new Leader's notification of appointments of a Deputy Leader, the Cabinet Members (including their portfolio areas of responsibility) and the scheme of delegation for the discharge of Executive functions, will be circulated in a schedule presented at the Council meeting.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The provisions for the payment of Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) under the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme, relating to Executive roles, have not changed since they were outlined in the report which was submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 15th May 2019 (attached).
- 3.2 The appointments to be made by the newly appointed Leader of the Council will have financial implications. All the posts of Cabinet Member attract an SRA (currently £9,807.85 per annum), which is paid in addition to the Basic Allowance received by each Member of the Council. The Executive (Cabinet) may consist of up to 10 Members, including the Leader and

Deputy Leader. Currently, in addition to the Leader and Deputy Leader, there are a further 8 Cabinet Members in receipt of an SRA, and this is the maximum number permitted. If the newly appointed Leader of the Council makes the same number of appointments, then this would have a cost neutral effect compared to the arrangements in place currently.

- 3.3 The financial implications of the appointments of Members to be made by the new Leader, will be outlined at the Council meeting.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The legal implications are set out in the body of this report.

5. EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equalities implications.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 That the Council receives and notes the newly appointed Leader of the Council's notification of:-

6.1.1 appointment of a Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members, including their portfolio areas of responsibility; and

6.1.2 the scheme of delegation for the discharge of Executive functions.

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